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Date: Thursday, 16 March 2023 at 12:55

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Subject: Re: Approval of Details - Studio House, Hampstead Hill Gardens - 2023/0674/L & 2023/0675/L

Afternoon [REDACTED]

I was able to navigate the Tube strikes and get out to site on Wednesday morning to check the brickwork samples. Thank you to [REDACTED] for meeting with me. Following are my comments and specifications for amendment in order to proceed with the AOD for 2023/0674/L and 2023/0675/L.

BRICKS

The specified *Beckley Orange and Beckley Red* and *lbstock Bexhill Dark* bricks are appropriate and can be approved. However, the darker coloured brown bricks in the *lbstock Bexhill Dark* mix (instead of the red) should be prioritised for use when facing the wall elevations, as they will better match with the original upper sections of historic masonry.

MORTAR

The Lime mortar mix (upper section of the sample panel) is appropriate and can be approved for use.

POINTING FINISH

All new pointing (on the building elevations and in the boundary wall) should have a Brushed Flush finish and be knocked back slightly.

A modern Weather-struck pointing technique has been used in the infilled entrance gate which is inappropriate for use in the context of historic masonry as it gives the joint too much emphasis against the brickwork. This should be repointed with a Brushed Flush finish and be charcoal washed to dull the colour of the mortar.

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